

- **Grantproposal.com**

A site devoted to providing free resources for both advanced grant writing consultants and inexperienced nonprofit staff.

<http://grantproposal.com/>

The Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (GFBCI) is pleased to provide links to resources on faith-based and community initiatives. The websites listed on this page do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of the GFBCI, nor is GFBCI responsible for the content of these sites. Please address any questions or concerns regarding this statement to info@ServeAlabama.gov.

Awards from \$2,500 to \$7,500

Applications are accepted year round

<http://www.helpamericafoundation.org/howtoapply/index.htm>

- **Public Welfare Foundation**

The program supports organizations that address human needs in disadvantaged communities, with strong emphasis on organizations that include service, advocacy and empowerment in their approach: service that remedies specific problems; advocacy that addresses those problems in a systemic way through changes in public policy; and strategies to empower people in need to play leading roles in achieving those policy changes and in remedying specific problems.

<http://www.publicwelfare.org/OurGrants>

- **The Surdna Foundation**

The Surdna Foundation is interested in fostering entrepreneurial programs throughout the U.S. that offer viable solutions to difficult systemic problems. The Foundation primarily provides support to nonprofit organizations through the following four program areas. The Community Revitalization category seeks to enhance the quality of life in urban places, increase their ability to attract a diversity of residents and employers, and insure that urban policies promote social equity. The goals of the Environment category are to prevent irreversible damage to the environment and to promote environmentally beneficial and equitable use of land and natural resources. The Effective Citizenry category provides support for young people to take direct action to solve problems in their schools, neighborhoods, and the larger society. The Arts Program is a national initiative focusing on arts and education.

Letters of inquiry in most program areas are accepted throughout the year. For more information, please visit www.surdna.org.

Resources

- **The Corporation for National and Community Service**

Grants to national and local nonprofits, schools, government agencies, faith-based and other community organizations and other groups committed to strengthening their communities through volunteering for AmeriCorps, Learn and Serve America, and Senior Corps.

http://www.nationalservice.gov/for_organizations/funding/index.asp

- **Grant Writing Tools for Non-Profit Organizations**

Non-profit guides are free web-based grant-writing tools for non-profit organizations, charitable, educational, public organizations, and other community-minded groups.

<http://www.npguides.org/index.html>

that promote a just, equitable, and sustainable society. The Foundation provides grants through four distinct programs. The Pathways Out of Poverty program supports national initiatives that aim to move low-income people along the road to self-sufficiency. The Civil Society program supports efforts to assist in democratic institution-building and ensure respect of rights and diversity both in the U.S. and internationally. The Environment program promotes policies that protect the diversity of selected ecosystems in North America and around the world. The Flint Area program provides support to local community organizations in the Foundation's hometown of Flint, MI. Letters of inquiry for all four grant programs are accepted at any time. Visit the website listed above for more information.

Please see www.mott.org for more details

- **CIGNA Foundation**

Four broad areas for grant consideration: Health and Human services; Education; Community and Civic Affairs; and Culture and the Arts.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis

http://www.cigna.com/about_us/community/targeted_grant.html

- **Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption**

The Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption has prepared a toolkit to help community and organizational leaders increase awareness about the joy of foster care adoption. The kit contains sample resources that can be used to promote awareness throughout the year. The kit along with other adoption information can be ordered for free by visiting

<http://www.davethomasfoundationforadoption.com/materials.asp>

or by calling 1-800-275-3882.

- **Dominion Foundation**

The Dominion Foundation supports nonprofit organizations dedicated to improving the economic, physical, and social health of the communities served by Dominion's gas companies. The Foundation focuses its grantmaking in five general categories: health and human services, education, culture and the arts, neighborhood and community development, and the environment.

Grants range from \$1,000 to \$15,000

Applications are accepted throughout the year

<http://www.dom.com/about/community/foundation/index.jsp>.

- **HelpAmerica Foundation**

The HelpAmerica Foundation is honored to provide volunteer and financial aid to organizations which support the poor and underprivileged and needy and/or homeless Americans, including men, women, children and veterans of war. We are also proud to support the families of active military personnel called to duty.

Applications are accepted throughout the year

<http://www.youthventure.org/index.php?tg=articles&topics=43&new=0&newc=0>

Foundations

- **Regal Foundation**

The Regal Foundation supports a wide range of nonprofit organizations throughout the United States. Grants are provided to both local charities based in the communities the company theatres serve and to national projects that have a multiplier effect by benefiting local groups across the country. The Foundation is primarily interested in supporting organizations that benefit persons suffering economic, social, physical, or educational hardship or disadvantage, or who are otherwise in need of assistance. Examples of funded programs include food banks, children and youth services, and K-12 education. Requests may be submitted at any time, and are reviewed three times per year. Visit the company's website listed above for application guidelines and forms.

- **Actuarial Foundation**

Through its Advancing Student Achievement Mentoring Program Actuarial Foundation awards grants to schools and groups throughout the United States and Canada for programs that involve actuaries in the teaching of mathematics. The initiative brings together actuaries and educators in local classrooms (grades 4-12) with the belief that interaction with real-world mentors will boost students' interest in math. Applicants for grants will be given wide latitude in designing programs that create a "love of math" in each student. The Foundation can provide a local network of actuaries ready to participate, as well as suggestions on how to integrate math concepts from the workplace into the classroom.

Applications may be submitted at any time.

For more information, please see <http://www.actuarialfoundation.org/grant/>

- **Allstate Foundation**

The Allstate Foundation provides support to national programs as well as local programs in company communities throughout the United States. Proposals must address needs within one of the following three focus areas: Tolerance, Inclusion, and Diversity, including teaching tolerance and ending discrimination and hate crimes; Safe and Vital Communities, including youth anti-violence, neighborhood revitalization, and teen driving safety; and Economic Empowerment, including financial education and empowerment for domestic violence victims.

<http://www.allstate.com/foundation/main.aspx>

- **Charles Stewart Mott Foundation**

The mission of the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation is to support efforts

- **“Do Something” Offering 2 Weekly Grants for Young Social Entrepreneurs**

[Do Something](#) is a not-for-profit organization that works to inspire, support, and celebrate young social entrepreneurs and community activists. The organization offers two weekly grants, co-sponsored by GameStop and Plum TV. “Do Something” and [GameStop](#) are offering grants of \$500 each to young people, age 25 and younger, in the United States or Canada who have a great idea for a community-action project and need support to turn their idea into reality. GameStop grants are given out weekly. Do Something and [Plum TV](#) are offering grants of \$500 each to social entrepreneurs, age 25 and younger, in the U.S. who have recently created a sustainable project, program, or organization and need funding to further the growth and success of their program. Plum TV grants are given out weekly.

For more information, please visit: http://www.dosomething.org/grant_list

- **Baseball Tomorrow Fund**

A joint initiative between Major League Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Association to promote the growth of baseball and softball throughout the world by funding programs, fields, coaches’ training, and the purchase of uniforms and equipment to encourage and maintain youth participation in the game.

The average grant amount is \$51,000

Letters of Inquiry are accepted throughout the year.

http://mlb.mlb.com/mlb/official_info/community/btf.jsp?content=grant_process

- **Herbalife Family Foundation**

The Herbalife Family Foundation provides financial assistance to nonprofit organizations around the world that are dedicated to improving the lives of children. The foundation welcomes the opportunity to consider making contributions to organizations and programs that: improve nutrition; support children and families; provide early intervention; correct problem behavior and enhance self-esteem; prevent substance abuse; prevent physical and emotional abuse; create better home environments; and promote physical and emotional health.

Proposals are accepted at any time.

<http://www.herbalifefamilyfoundation.org/?nd=home>

- **Seed Grants for Youth Projects**

The Youth Venture Grant Program provides grants to young people (ages 12 to 20) who have a dream or identify a need in their school or community, develop an idea and then, with a team, launch their own community-minded organizations to address that dream or need. Each venture team must have an Ally - a caring adult who advises the team. Grants of up to \$1,000 are provided to help launch the organization

Applications are accepted throughout the year and may be submitted directly to the Foundation or to the nearest PETCO store.

<http://www.petco.com/Content/Content.aspx?PC=welfareapplication&Nav=384>

- **U.S. Department of Justice: Helping Outreach Programs to Expand Grant Program**

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) will provide funding to grass-roots community- and faith-based victim service organizations and coalitions to improve outreach and services to crime victims through support of program development, networking, coalition building, and service delivery. Funds may be used to develop program literature, train advocates, produce a newsletter, support victim outreach efforts, and recruit volunteers.

Up to \$5,000

Open solicitation contingent upon fund availability

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/expandingoutreach/welcome.html>

Substance Abuse, Mental Health, Youth and Eldercare

- **United Health Care Children's Foundation**

The UnitedHealthcare Children's Foundation has announced that new grants are available to help children who need critical health care treatment, services, or equipment not covered or not fully covered by their parents' health benefit plans. UHCCF provides grants to families to help pay for child health care services such as speech therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy sessions, prescriptions, and medical equipment such as wheelchairs, orthotics, and eyeglasses. For more information visit the website below.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=214300052

- **Funds for Alcoholism Prevention Programs Funded**

The mission of the Christopher D. Smithers Foundation is to educate the public that alcoholism is a respectable, treatable disease from which people can and do recover; encourage prevention programs and activities, with an emphasis on high risk populations; and continually fight to reduce and eliminate the stigma that is associated with the disease of alcoholism. The Foundation focuses its grantmaking on the issues of alcoholism, including prevention, treatment, research, public education, and creating awareness of these problems in the nation's work world. While a number of grants go to national organizations, regional and local organizations across the country also receive funds. Applications are accepted throughout the year.

For more information please go to

http://www.smithersfoundation.org/index.htm?smithers_body.htm&2.

Implementation Funds Program provides grants of up to \$12,000 each year to pediatricians who want to initiate a pilot project that addresses the local health needs of children in the community. (Grants are also available for pediatric residents, but limited to a maximum of \$3,000.) Applications for the 2009 funding cycle will be accepted from November 1, 2008 through January 31, 2009. Visit the American Academy of Pediatrics website to download the Call for Proposals.
<http://www.aap.org/catch/implementgrants.htm>

- **Grants for Meeting Basic Human Needs**

The Public Welfare Foundation is dedicated to supporting nonprofit organizations that provide services to disadvantaged populations and work for lasting improvements in the delivery of services that meet basic human needs. Organizations are also supported that link their community and local work to other efforts to effect broader public policy change. The Foundation's funding priorities include community development, criminal justice, environment, health, human rights and global security, reproductive and sexual health, and youth. Strong emphasis is given to organizations that include service, advocacy, and empowerment in their approach. While most grants are made to organizations in the United States, the Foundation does provide limited support to organizations in other countries.

Letters of inquiry are reviewed throughout the year

<http://www.publicwelfare.org/ApplyGrant/Guidelines.aspx>

- **Grants Provide Help for the Disadvantaged**

The Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People focuses its efforts on the empowerment of oppressed and disadvantaged people in the United States who are seeking to change the structures that perpetuate poverty and injustice. Supported projects must be presented, owned, and controlled by the groups of people who will directly benefit from them and must address long-term correction of conditions that keep people bound by poverty and oppression. The emphasis is on funding local projects; regional, statewide, or national projects are not supported.

Applications are accepted throughout the year

<http://www.pcusa.org/sdop/applicationprocess.htm>

- **Support for Companion Animal Programs**

The PETCO Foundation's mission is to support and promote community groups throughout the U.S. that help better the lives of our animal companions, while strengthening the relationships between people and their pets. The Foundation dedicates its resources to serving the Four R's: Reduce Rescue, Rehabilitate, and Rejoice. Support is provided to local organizations that address the Foundation's priorities and that are located in communities with PETCO stores. Applying organizations should be able to enlist the support of their local stores.

- **Teaching Tolerance Grant Program**

The Teaching Tolerance project of the Southern Poverty Law Center offers grants for implementing tolerance and youth activism projects. Projects funded by Teaching Tolerance tend to be: small scale, resourceful and student-focused, promoting acceptance of diversity, peacemaking, community service, or any other aspect of tolerance education; clearly defined, well integrated, and tailored to the specific needs and interests of particular learners and their communities; economically responsible, involving staff participation, community volunteers, and in-kind contributions wherever possible; sustainable in some way, rather than one-time-only events or activities.

Award amount of \$500 to \$2,500

There is no application deadline

<http://www.tolerance.org/teach/grants/guide.jsp>

Health and Human Services

- **\$25,000 Accessible America 2009 Competition**

The National Organization on Disability's Accessible America Award program is a \$25,000 award competition open to all cities and towns across the United States. The program seeks to recognize and promote replication of exemplary practices that communities use to facilitate the comprehensive involvement of citizens with disabilities in community life. The deadline for this award is Deadline: December 31, 2008. Please visit the website for more details.

<http://www.nod.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Page.ViewPage&PageID=1560>

- **Veterans Entrepreneurial Grants**

The Veterans Corporation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting entrepreneurial success for veterans, service-disabled veterans, and members of the National Guard and reserve nationwide. The Veterans Corporation's Development Grant Program supports educational and outreach organizations that address the entrepreneurial needs of veterans. The focus is on supporting programs for veterans who are starting or growing a small business or preparing a business for deployment.

Grants up to \$50,000

RFP accepted throughout the year.

http://www.veteranscorp.org/developmentgrants/guidelines_forms.html

- **Health Efforts for Children Supported**

The Community Access to Child Health (CATCH) Program is a national program of the American Academy of Pediatrics designed to improve access to health care by supporting pediatricians and communities that are involved in community-based efforts for children. The CATCH

http://www.doleta.gov/grants/pdf/SGA-DFA-PY-08-07_YouthBuild.pdf, or www.grants.gov

- **Funds for K-12 Science Projects**

The Toyota TAPESTRY Grants for Science Teachers program, administered by the National Science Teachers Association, recognizes K_12 science teachers throughout the United States for innovative projects that enhance science education in their schools and/or districts. The grant categories are: Physical Science Application, Environmental Science Education and Integrating Literacy and Science. Fifty large grants of up to \$10,000 and a minimum of twenty mini-grants of up to \$2,500 will be awarded in 2009. All applicants must have at least two years of science teaching experience in a K-12 school, not including the current school year.

The deadline for the completion of the online application is January 21, 2009. Visit the website listed below for program details and application information. <http://tapestry.nsta.org/>

- **Terri Lynne Lokoff Child Care Foundation Accepting Applications for National Child Care Teacher Awards**

Child care teachers from all fifty states and the District of Columbia are invited to apply. Fifty teachers will be selected for their commitment and dedication to the children they serve. Of the top ten recipients, one will be selected to receive the Helene Marks Award.

The fifty award recipients will each receive \$1,000 - \$500 as a stipend acknowledging each child care teacher's special dedication and \$500 to fund the classroom enhancement project they designed.

Deadline: December 5, 2008

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=215400028

- **Grants for K-12 Math and Science Teachers**

The Toshiba America Foundation promotes quality science and mathematics education in U.S. K-12 schools by supporting programs that improve teaching and learning in science and mathematics. The Foundation offers the following two programs: The Program for K-6 Science and Math Education provides grants of up to \$1,000 to teachers in public or private schools in order to improve the teacher's science and math teaching units. The application deadline is October 1, annually. The Program for 7-12 Science and Math Education provides small grants of up to \$5,000 and large grants of over \$5,000 to forward-thinking science and mathematics teachers in order to engage students in positive and challenging learning experiences.

Applications for small grants may be submitted throughout the year. Large grant applications must be submitted by August 1 or February 1, annually. For more information please go to

<http://www.toshiba.com/tafpub/jsp/home/default.jsp>

Requests may be submitted throughout the year and are reviewed quarterly.

Please go to <http://www.fmglobal.com/page.aspx?id=01060200>.

- **Seed Grants for Community Message System**

Community Voice Mail (CVM) provides free, 24-hour nationwide voice mail to people in crisis and transition – connecting them to jobs, housing, safe communication, and much more. In 39 cities throughout the U.S., CVM sites are hosted by one main social or health service agency which is responsible for funding and managing the CVM service for the whole city/community. Through a grant from the Cisco Systems Foundation, CVM is making multiple \$20,000 seed grants available to local agencies willing to “host” CVM for the whole community (for cities or MSA’s with population of 300,000 and greater). Applications will be accepted through the remaining months of 2007 and into 2008. A copy of the Request for Proposals is [available here](#). For additional information, contact Anna Landa at alanda@cvm.org.

Education and Arts

- **Southern Poverty Law Center: Teaching Tolerance Grants**

The Teaching Tolerance Grants Program, administered by the Southern Poverty Law Center, offers grants to pre-K-12 educators throughout the U.S. for rigorous innovative projects designed to reduce prejudice among youth, improve intergroup relations and equitable school experiences, and/or support educator professional development in these areas. Proposals from community organizations and houses of worship will be considered on the basis of direct student impact. Projects funded by Teaching Tolerance tend to be focused on character/moral education, conflict resolution, multiculturalism, community service, and other aspects of tolerance education. Requests may be submitted throughout the year. Visit the Southern Poverty Law Center website to download the application form.

- **Youth Build Grant Competition**

Under this new solicitation, DOL will award grants to community organizations -- including Workforce Investment Boards, One-Stop Career Centers, faith-based and community groups, housing development agencies, Indian tribes, and other eligible entities to provide YouthBuild programs to at risk youth, including educational and vocational skills.

The Department of Labor will award \$47 Million to various community organizations under this program. Applications are due by January 15, 2009. Contact: Donna Kelly, Grants Management Specialist at (202) 693-3934 or Kelly.Donna@dol.gov. Visit the website for more information.

http://www.internationalpaper.com/Our%20Company/IP%20Giving/A_IP%20Foundation/index.html

- **Loan Guarantee Program for Transitional Housing**
US Department of Veterans Affairs
Low-interest loans to develop multifamily transitional housing with supportive services for homeless veterans.
15 low-interest rate loans with an aggregate dollar amount of \$100 million
Applications are submitted on a rolling basis
<http://www1.va.gov/homeless/page.cfm?pg=8>
- **State Farm: Strong Neighborhoods, Community Development Grant**
Supports nonprofit organizations' programs that: 1) Make housing affordable
Promote first-time homeownership; 2) Eliminate barriers to homeownership; 3) Educate homebuyers about insurance, loss mitigation, and homeownership 4) Foster sustainable communities; and 5) Rehabilitate neighborhoods or communities.
Applications are accepted on a rolling basis
<http://www.statefarm.com/foundation/cogranths.htm>
- **Support for Environmental Programs**
The Waste Management Charitable Giving Program is committed to making company communities safer, cleaner, and better places to live and work. One of the primary focus areas of the Charitable Giving Program is the environment. The company is committed to helping provide renewable resources to reduce our nation's dependence on fossil fuels, and to conserving and maintaining wetlands, wildlife habitats and green spaces for people's enjoyment. Support is also provided to environmental education programs, including environmental.
Applications are accepted year round and are reviewed on a continuous basis.
<http://www.wm.com/WM/community/Giving.asp>

Emergency Preparedness and Response

- **Seed Money for Fire Control Efforts Worldwide**
The FM Global Fire Prevention Grant Program offers seed money to fire departments and related international, national, state, regional, and local organizations for a wide array of fire prevention, preparedness, and control efforts. Grants of up to \$5,000 are available for pre-fire planning for commercial, industrial, and institutional facilities; fire and arson prevention and investigation; and fire prevention education and training programs. Examples of funded projects include: preventive juvenile fire-setter programs, continuing education courses, digital and specialized cameras, and community outreach initiatives and workshops.

Requests are accepted throughout the year, and reviewed quarterly
<http://www.buildabear.com/aboutus/community/grants/bkp.aspx>

- **Green Communities Initiative: Charrette Grants**

Green Communities offers Charrette Grants for up to \$5,000 to assist housing developers with integrating green building systems in their developments and engage in a serious discussion of green design possibilities. Enterprise will award planning grants to affordable housing developers to coordinate green charrettes. A Green Communities Charrette is a working session that will bring together a diverse group of housing development professionals, as well as funders, policymakers, and community stakeholders to integrate sustainable green design principles into affordable housing developments.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis

<http://www.greencommunitiesonline.org/tools/funding/grants/charrette.aspx>
[tiesonline.org/Charrettes.asp](http://www.greencommunitiesonline.org/Charrettes.asp)

- **Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program: Stand Down Grants**

Veterans Employment and Training Services (VETS) have made funds available to host events for homeless veterans in local communities where they are receiving services.

Limit of \$5,000 per application

Rolling applications

<http://www.dol.gov/vets/programs/hvrp/main.htm>

- **Innovative National and International Programs Supported**

The Ford Foundation is a resource for innovative people and institutions worldwide. The goals of the Foundation are to strengthen democratic values, reduce poverty and injustice, promote international cooperation, and advance human achievement. The Foundation works mainly by making grants or loans through three major program areas: Asset Building and Community Development; Peace and Social Justice; and Knowledge, Creativity, and Freedom. Support is generally directed to activities that are likely to have wide effect rather than local programs with limited scope. Letters of inquiry are considered throughout the year

<http://www.fordfound.org/about/guideline.cfm>

- **International Paper Company Foundation**

Grants will support programs in the areas of education, employee involvement, and community development. Education grants focus on career development for minorities, environmental education, and literacy. Employee-involvement grants support nonprofit organizations at which International Paper Company employees volunteer. Community development grants provide seed money for new projects that benefit communities where the company has operations.

Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis

shopping partnerships with leading online retailers offering Everyday, and, Christian products. When you purchase through this [CVN](#) community of online shopping partners – "To Buy Is To Give"™ -- [CVN](#) will typically give between 3% and 7% of your purchase to your chosen ministry, church, or charity. This means your ministry, church, or charity will be receiving 50% of CVN's net revenue. There is never a charge for your ministry, church, or charity to join the [CVN](#) program. It is also FREE for their constituents to become CVN Members. We cordially invite you to take advantage of the FREE CVN Membership, and begin helping to financially support your ministry, church, or charity.

Please go to www.cvn.org for more details.

- **Grants Encourage Citizen Engagement**

The mission of the Wallace Global Fund is to promote an informed and engaged citizenry, to fight injustice, and to protect the diversity of nature and the natural systems upon which all life depends. The Fund seeks to further its mission through fundamental public policy and systemic change. Proposals are reviewed in the following program areas: natural resources, women's human rights, and media. The Fund supports activities at the global and national level, and will also consider significant local or regional initiatives offering the potential to leverage broader national or global impact.

Letters of inquiry are accepted throughout the year.

For more information please go to <http://www.wgf.org/>.

- **Breaking Down Divisions**

The Mix It Up Grants Program, administered by the Southern Poverty Law Center in Montgomery, provides \$500 grants to youth-directed activist projects that focus on identifying, crossing, and challenging social boundaries in schools and communities. Funded projects must promote collaboration across social boundaries — different youth groups, clubs, or community groups working together. Ideally, the project should be created and implemented by youth; however, various adults and community volunteers should also be invited to participate.

Applications are accepted throughout the year.

For more information, please see

<http://www.tolerance.org/teens/grants.jsp>.

- **Build-A-Bear Workshop's Bearemy's Kennel Pals Pet Program**

Support local domestic pet programs, including animal shelters, stray pet rescue and rehabilitation organizations, and educational pet programs throughout the U.S. and Canada. Priority is given to communities where Build-A-Bear Workshop has several stores. Grants are generally provided for specific programs; matching and challenge grant requests are also considered.

Grants will generally range from \$2,500 to \$50,000

A copy of the RFP will be available on the ADOC website at

<http://www.doc.alabama.gov/>

Contact: Hilary Gresham, ADOC Grant Administrator, fax 334-353-9740

- **Grants Empower Women in Need**

The J. Jill Compassion Fund is committed to providing support to local nonprofit organizations serving women in need located in communities with J. Jill stores. For the 2009 funding cycle, priority funding will be given to organizations in Alabama, Arkansas, Iowa, Oklahoma, Oregon, and Wisconsin. The Fund supports existing programs that provide job training, education, and transitional or affordable housing to poor and homeless women. An additional focus area is programs that break down barriers for women in crisis to achieve and sustain self-sufficiency. Grants generally range from \$5,000 to \$15,000. Online applications must be submitted by November 30, 2008, through the website listed below.

<http://www.jjill.com/jjillonline/compassion/cfgrant.aspx#proc>

- **Avon Empower Women in the U.S. Award**

The goal of the Avon Hello Tomorrow Fund, an initiative of Avon Products, Inc., is to help strengthen the position of women and girls in society. The Fund provides individuals in the United States with cash awards that will allow them to pursue a project that targets the needs of women in the United States. Each week the Fund will offer one \$5,000 award to an individual who has submitted a compelling application that both advances the interests of women and ultimately improves society. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older and legal residents of the United States or its territories. Men are also eligible to apply as long as the program benefits women.

The remaining application deadlines for 2008 are September 1 and December 1.

For more information please go to

<http://shop.avon.com/HelloTomorrowFund/>.

- **Services for Disabled Children Supported**

The Innovating Worthy Projects Foundation provides support to nonprofit organizations throughout the United States that are dedicated to providing direct care or services for children with special needs, acute illnesses, or chronic disabilities. Preference is given to small organizations that might not otherwise be helped. Grants support new ideas and approaches to providing services as well as equipment purchases.

Requests are accepted from January 1 through August 31, annually.

Please see <http://www.iwpcf.org/> for more information.

- **Christian Values Network**

Christian Values Network was created to help individuals financially support their chosen ministry, church, or charity. [CVN](#) has over 125

congregations and seminaries to identify and remove barriers of architecture, communications, and attitudes.

<http://www.nod.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Page.ViewPage&PageID=9&>

- **One-Stop Career Centers**

The Department of Labor has launched One-Stop Career Centers, an integrated system of local information on available jobs, skill requirements, and training provider performance. All the One-Stop services are free. To find one near you click on:

<http://www.servicelocator.org/search/etasearchoffice.asp?zip=&city=&state=AL&proximity=25&search=Search>

- **Successful Strategies for Recruiting, Training, and Utilizing Volunteers Handbook**

This handbook is designed for community groups and faith-based organizations seeking to maximize the skills of their volunteers, expand their services to the community, and enhance their effectiveness. Although the handbook focuses on prevention, treatment, and recovery services for substance abuse and mental illness, the principles described in the handbook can be applied to any field and should help organizations understand how to implement and manage a successful volunteer program.

<http://www.hhs.gov/fbcipublications.html>

Grants and Funding Opportunities

***Note: Grants and Funding Opportunities are sorted into categories: Community Development and Housing, Emergency Preparedness and Response; Education and Arts; Health and Human Services; Substance Abuse/ Mental Health; Youth and Eldercare; Foundations; and Resources.

Community Development and Housing

- **Prisoner Reentry Initiative**

Funding assistance available only for Jefferson County

The Initiative is designed to reduce recidivism by helping offenders find work and access other critical services for successful reentry into their communities. The ADOC is seeking a faith-based, community organization in the Jefferson County metropolitan area to successfully provide post-release transitional services to 100 eligible offenders for a two year period. The closing date for receipt of applications under this announcement is November 20, 2008, at 5 p.m.

ADOC expects to award a sum not to exceed \$162,000 over a two year period. A pre-grantee award meeting will be held on Thursday, November 6, 2008 at the Alabama Criminal Justice Center at 301 South Ripley Street, Montgomery, AL, 36104.

- **Data Mapping**
Program coordinators and grant writers who want to convey their communities' needs with solid facts and visual impact can use a new online, interactive resource called DataPlace. Developed and maintained by the Fannie Mae Foundation, DataPlace is a source of demographic, economic, and housing data about communities, regions, and the nation. The DataPlace mapping tool produces colorful, thematic maps. DataPlace's chart and table builder creates bar and line charts, accompanied by data tables. <http://www.dataplace.org/>
- **"Evaluation Report: Engaging Persons With Disabilities in Service"**
Points of Light Foundation
http://pointsoflight.org/downloads/pdf/Engag_Persons_Disabilities.pdf
- **"Faith-Based and Community Organizations Pandemic Influenza Checklist"**
The new checklist identifies steps faith-based and community organizations can take to prepare for a pandemic and could be helpful in other types of emergencies.
<http://www.pandemicflu.gov/plan/faithcomchecklist.html>
- **Free Web Hosting for Community Groups**
Think Host, Inc. is offering community groups free and/or discounted web hosting.
<http://www.thinkhost.com/socialchange/free-hosting.shtml>
- **Kids Count Data Book**
A project of the Annie E. Casey Foundation is a national and state-by-state effort to track the status of children in the U.S.
<http://www.aecf.org/kidscount/sld/databook.jsp>
- **"Maximizing Program Services Through Private Sector Partnerships and Relationships: A Guide for Faith and Community-Based Service Providers"**
HHS Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Guide for FBCOs seeking private-sector funding.
http://www.samhsa.gov/FBCI/fbci_pubs.aspx
- **"A National Conversation—Friends and Family First"**
The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid - Medicare Enrollment Toolkit
<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/partnerships/downloads/nationalconversation.pdf>
- **Self Assessment and Learning Tool of the Accessible Congregation Campaign**
The Religion and Disability Program of the National Organization on Disability (N.O.D.) is an interfaith effort, urging national faith groups, local

<http://www.microsoft.com/About/CorporateCitizenship/CommunityInvestment/NGO/en/us/default.aspx>

- **Tracks to Success—Identifying the Right Grantmaker**

Identifying the right grantmaker for any program or project is a straightforward, step-by-step process that can greatly increase your organization's chances of securing grant funding. In this series on how to do grant research, we will walk you through that process from start to finish. To read Part Five, "Developing a Strategic Grant Approach," visit the GrantStation website. <http://www.grantstation.com/index.asp#tracks>

- **Network for Good Online Fundraising Tool**

The mission of Network for Good's new online Learning Center is to provide nonprofits with free access to the best available web-based fundraising and nonprofit marketing resources. The Learning Center features hundreds of articles in six areas: Online Fundraising, Social Networking, Website 101, Email 101, Donor Database, and Nonprofit Marketing. Much of the content comes from nonprofit professionals, coaches, trainers, bloggers, and consultants who are working everyday to improve fundraising and marketing effectiveness. To review the resources offered by the Learning Center, please visit <http://www.fundraising123.org/>

- **YouTube Non-Profit Program**

Charitable organizations can now register to upload promotional footage on a new nonprofit YouTube channel. The channel, which is free to nonprofits, will also offer a donation feature available with no processing costs through Google Checkout for Nonprofits. For more information, please see www.youtube.com/nonprofits.

- **State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)**

Helping senior citizens enroll in Medicare's Prescription Drug Plan is one of the largest projects the Alabama Department of Senior Services and the Area Agencies on Aging have undertaken. Last year, the faith-based and community initiatives network assisted the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) counselors and volunteers at the local Area Agencies on Aging in the Medicare Part D enrollment effort. ADSS is asking for your assistance again this year to ensure our state's elderly population receives proper counseling and advice. Your help is needed to guide new seniors through enrollment and assist those already on Medicare Part D in evaluating their coverage for the coming year. Your organization can help to ensure that seniors receive the counseling they need to make an informed choice.

For more information on how to volunteer or to host an event for Medicare beneficiaries and their families, email ageline@adss.alabama.gov or call 1-800-AGE-LINE.

navigate different funding resources that may assist them in providing workforce development and job-training services. This guide highlights funding resources that are available for FBCOs involved in workforce development, economic development, and employability training. These lists provide a detailed explanation of each grant and contact information to more easily determine eligibility. <http://www.dol.gov/cfbci/DFWGO.pdf>

- **Website Connects Good People with Good Causes**

VolunteerMatch believes in the power of volunteering to enrich our lives and the world around us. The organization offers a variety of online services to support a community of nonprofit, volunteer, and business leaders committed to civic engagement. VolunteerMatch welcomes millions of visitors a year and has become the preferred Internet volunteer recruiting tool for more than 50,000 nonprofit organizations. Visit the website listed below to learn more about VolunteerMatch and its services. <http://www.volunteermatch.org/>

- **Fight Hunger Initiative**

Is an effort to engage all citizens in the fight against hunger in communities across America. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) created an online toolkit that offers a step-by-step guide on how to help neighbors in need, from volunteering at a food drive to planting community gardens. Secretary of Agriculture Schafer is also encouraging people to nominate an individual or organization for the Fight Hunger Initiative Award to recognize exemplary work in the fight against hunger. The toolkit includes additional resources to help you learn more about USDA food and nutrition programs. To learn more about the Fight Hunger Initiative, please visit www.usda.gov/secretary

- **Faith-Based Resources**

The National Criminal Justice Reference Service, in partnership with the Office of Justice Programs, has launched a new online resource for nongovernment community organizations—including faith-based ones—that provide victim services. To learn more about the resources available, visit <http://www.ncjrs.gov/faithbased/>

- **New Website for NGOs Launched**

The Microsoft NGO Connection website has been launched to provide nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) a place to go to learn how to use technology more effectively and to access the resources Microsoft and its partners offer. The website provides free or discounted software applications, training and certification information, and NGO discussion forums. The goal of the website is to help NGOs achieve their organizational goals more efficiently. Visit the website listed below to learn more about this new online resource.

- **Partnering with Faith-Based and Community Organizations: A Guide for State and Local Officials Administering Federal Block and Formula Grant Funds**

The United States Department of Health and Human Services Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives just released the above document and the Center at The Department of Labor is pleased to pass it along to you. This document provides one more vital resource for the Faith-Based and Community Organization (FBCO) community. Previous works from both DOL as well as other federal agencies have highlighted working with the US Government, local businesses and other community organizations. The publication provides one more tool for FBCOs to use. The guide provides practical information for State and local officials, as well as tribes and tribal-serving organizations, on developing and enhancing effective partnerships with FBCOs. It is available for download on our Publications page at: <http://www.dol.gov/cfbci>.

- **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: Breakthrough Performances—Ten Emerging Practices of Leading Intermediaries**

This guidebook compiles practices of leading intermediary nonprofits that have delivered superlative performance in support of frontline faith-based and community service organizations. The guidebook is designed to be of use to established and new intermediaries, as well as to individuals who guide private and public investment in creative solutions to community needs. In addition to highlighting a range of intermediary models proven to be successful, the guidebook demonstrates the distinctive value that intermediaries provide in addressing complex human needs.
<http://www.hhs.gov/fbci/Tools%20&%20Resources/Pubs/breakthrough.pdf>

- **1-800-Volunteer.org**

1-800-Volunteer.org is a national database of volunteer opportunities powered by a volunteer management system for non-profits. Those interested in volunteering can go to www.1800volunteer.org and get registered to serve. One can use the “search tool” to discover volunteer opportunities and help in their local community or across the country. This is an excellent way for one to locate a regional Volunteer Center in Alabama or again, across the country. For more detailed information, please visit the website, www.1800volunteer.org.

- **Directory of Foundation Workforce and Economic Development Grants**

Organizations that focus on workforce development and job training are a significant asset to their communities. Many corporate and private foundations see the value in these community organizations reaching their neighbors and want to help. This new resource can help bridge the gap between funding and services for many community organizations. The *Directory of Workforce Grant Opportunities* is designed to help FBCOs

can be viewed online at this address:

<http://www.alabamamarriage.org/workshops.php>

General Information

- **Ready Alabama on YouTube**

The Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives and the Alabama Department of Homeland Security announce that the Public Service Announcements from the Ready Alabama Campaign can now be seen on www.youtube.com/readyalabama.

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- **Grantseeking During a Recession: How to Broaden Your Grant Support**

How do you broaden your grant support during a recession? This webinar discusses how to establish an aggressive grantseeking program that can help you weather economic downturns. Find out what you can expect from grantmakers in the next year or two, and how to position your organization to take advantage of the current economic climate. Learn a step-by-step grantseeking process to help you secure the grant awards your organization needs to survive and grow. Cynthia M. Adams, CEO of GrantStation, will teach this 90-minute webinar on Wednesday, December 10, 2008, at 2 p.m. EST. The registration fee is \$89 per person.

Visit the website listed above to register.

<http://www.grantstation.com/partners/webinardecember1.html>

- **Training Focuses on Google Documents**

TWS Consulting is offering a webinar on how to replace costly software with no-cost Google Documents. Learn how to take advantage of free Google productivity software to save your nonprofit money, increase collaboration, and expand your knowledge about these easy-to-use tools. The focus of the webinar will be on word processing, spreadsheets, and presentation software. The webinar will be held December 1, 2008, at 2 p.m. EST. The cost of the webinar is \$89 per seat. Visit the website to register. <http://twsconsulting.us/webinar.php>

all threats, hazards, and adverse incidents. The dates and locations of workshops are: December 11, 2008 New York, New York, and January 15, 2008, San Juan, Puerto Rico. For more information, see: http://www.dhs.gov/xprepresp/programs/gc_1195231910818.shtm

- **Free Grant Writing Services**

Starting in September, the Homeless Veterans Providers Technical Assistance Center of the North Carolina Governor's Institute on Alcohol and Substance Abuse is sponsoring a series of free workshops throughout the country. Funded by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), the Technical Assistance Center focuses its efforts on preparing non-profit organizations and faith-based agencies to apply for the VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem (GPD) Program. The purpose of the GPD is "to promote the development and provision of supportive housing and/or appropriate supportive services, including innovative approaches to assist homeless veterans in the transition from homelessness and to enable them to live as independently as possible." Please check the website (www.homelessvetprovidertac.net) for the workshop schedule. Only online registration is available on a first come, first serve basis. In addition to the workshops, the Technical Assistance Center offers individualized review of grant applications with feedback and suggestions.

- **Leadership Recruiting Services for Nonprofits**

Bridgestar, an initiative of the Bridgespan Group, is a nonprofit organization providing recruiting services, content, and tools designed to help organizations build strong leadership teams and to encourage individuals to pursue career paths as nonprofit leaders. Bridgestar was founded on the premise that mission-focused nonprofit organizations have greater opportunity to achieve breakthrough results when they attract, assemble, and nurture strong board and senior leadership teams. Visit the website listed below for details on all of Bridgestar's resources. <https://www.bridgestar.org/>

- **Alabama Marriage and Family**

The Alabama Community Healthy Marriage Initiative (ACHMI) is made up of people who have a passion and expertise for helping families thrive. ACHMI is funded by a 5-year grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Family Assistance. It is a partnership between Auburn University, the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, the Children's Trust Fund of Alabama, a consortium of state agencies and organizations, and eleven Family Resource Centers, two Mental Health Centers, and a growing number of other individuals and community-based organizations who have joined together to provide programs and services to support the development and maintenance of healthy relationships and stable marriages throughout Alabama. The ACHMI has Workshops that

help pay for employment services! This information will be helpful to Continuum of Care agencies as well as other community-based organizations serving homeless job seekers. The teleconference will be held on Tuesday, December 9, 2008 2:00pm to 3:00pm EST. To get an overview of the NEW Ticket to Work Program and learn about all of the changes, please register for the teleconference at www.cessi.net/ttw.

- **Healthy Marriages, Healthy Families, and Responsible Fatherhood Conference on Best Practices**

Jeanne Robertson, Judge Hatchett, and our nationally acclaimed presenters left us all in awe last year, but the 2009 Conferences promises to be more rewarding and insightful as the last. Mark your calendars and join us at the [Montgomery Riverwalk Renaissance Hotel and Conference Center](http://www.montgomeryriverwalk.com/conference) on February 3-5, 2009. This is your opportunity to be enlightened, entertained, and earn CEUs. Don't miss this opportunity to network with co-professionals and obtain the latest "Best Practice" for your organization. Register today! www.alabamamarriage.org

- **2008 National Dropout Prevention Network Conference**

The mission of the National Dropout Prevention Network is to serve as a research center and resource network for practitioners, researchers, and policymakers to reshape school and community environments to meet the educational needs of at-risk youth. The goal is to provide these students with the quality education and services necessary to succeed academically and graduate from high school. The 20th Annual National Dropout Prevention Network Conference will gather education professionals from throughout the United States to examine current issues relating to the nation's school dropout problem. A number of workshops and training sessions, as well as site visits and networking opportunities, will be available. The conference will be held in Atlanta, GA, on November 16-19, 2008. Visit the website listed below for registration information. http://www.dropoutprevention.org/conferen/conferen.htm#2008_NDPN

- **U.S. Department of Homeland Security: Partnerships in Emergency Preparedness: A Faith-Based and Community Initiatives Preparedness Training Workshop**

The DHS Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives will host three "Partnerships in Emergency Preparedness: A Faith-Based and Community Initiatives Preparedness Training Workshop," which engage Homeland Security stakeholders, including the private sector, governmental agencies, and non-profit groups such as non-governmental organizations and faith-based groups, in a strategic partnership to develop a national culture of preparedness. The workshop will focus on equipping DHS and FEMA partners in emergency preparedness with the resources, knowledge, training, and skills necessary to respond to, and recover from



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This is the seventy-fourth issue of the Faith and Community-Based Loop (FCB Loop). The FCB Loop is a listserv that sends out biweekly email updates with postings of upcoming conferences, information, grants and funding opportunities, trainings, seminars, and workshops that would be of interest to Faith and Community-Based organizations. Please send any upcoming information about conferences, grants and funding opportunities, trainings, seminars, and workshops to Nakia.Kyler@ServeAlabama.gov to be published in the FCB Loop.

Please Note: The headings of new additions to the Loop are italicized and in red.

Conferences, Trainings, Seminars and Workshops

- **Governor's Volunteer Leadership Conference**

The 2nd annual Governor's Volunteer Leadership Conference December 2nd- 4th at the Historic Battle House Hotel, Mobile, AL. The conference will consist of keynote speakers and breakout sessions on topics ranging from volunteer management, disaster preparedness, community resiliency, fundraising and working with special needs populations. Please visit our website at www.ServeAlabama.gov to register today or call the GFBCI Office at 334-954-7440 if you have any questions.

- **Training Teleconference on the NEW Ticket to Work Program**

Join a teleconference to learn how organizations helping Social Security disability beneficiaries who are homeless go to work could access funds to